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SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF SADAT

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1. EGYPTIAN CHARGE DIAB HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH "HIGHEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES" IN GOIC TO PRESENT COPIES OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT AND EXPLAIN EGYPTIAN VIEW THAT AGREEMENT REPRESENTS CONCRETE AND POSITIVE ADVANCE TOWARDS FINAL PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST. HIS INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT. HOWEVER, DIAB THOUGHT THIS SUGGESTION PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE, AND BELIEVED THAT GOIC RESPONSE MIGHT WELL BE FORTHCOMING. HE WILL SEEK URGENTLY TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS AMENDED.

2. IN ABSENCE FORMIN USHER AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, DIAB THINKS, AND I AGREE, THAT APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN
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TO ABIDJAN FROM UPCOUNTRY SEPTEMBER 12. DIAB WILL SEEK

APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 12 OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER (AND EXPECTS TO RECEIVE AMENDED INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT). HE WAS MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OUR OFFER TO MAKE COMPLIMENTARY APPROACH SHORTLY AFTER HIS OWN. NEITHER DIAB NOR THIS EMBASSY SEE PROBLEM IN COORDINATED APPROACH TO GOIC, WHICH IS SYMPATHETIC TO BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL(EVEN IN ABSENCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS), AND SUPPORTIVE OF US ROLE IN SEARCH FOR MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

3. DIAB WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF TIMING HIS APPOINTMENT AND OF ANY CHANGES IN HIS INSTRUCTIONS. I WILL SEEK MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAP THEREAFTER. WHATEVER EGYPTIAN INSTRUCTIONS, BELIEVE OUR APPROACH SHOULD INCLUDE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR SADAT. COOKE

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